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Mild week before Christmas

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As we go through the rest of this week the jet stream will shift further north allowing high pressure to build.

This heralds a spell of drier, milder weather for many, although conditions will turn much wetter across western Scotland which has seen a relatively dry month so far.

The low pressure that has been bringing wet and windy weather to much of the country will have pulled away to the east by the end of Wednesday and high pressure will then start to build across the UK marking a change to drier conditions for many.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Paul Gundersen, said: “The high pressure will draw up warmer air from the southwest and as we go into the coming weekend, we will see milder conditions by both day and by night for all. The Foehn effect could result in particularly mild conditions for areas such as east Scotland.

“It looks like this pattern will last into the first half of next week meaning the mild conditions will continue with some outbreaks of rain likely at times, mostly across the north and the northwest.

“Later next week and the days running up to Christmas there are some suggestions that the jet stream will drift further south, allowing conditions to turn more widely unsettled. There is also a chance of winds switching to more of a northwesterly direction, allowing conditions to become a little colder, with a risk of some wintry showers developing in the north. At this stage there is very little sign of any widespread or severe cold and wintry weather.”

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